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Meeting Finds Common Stand

By W. Barry Garrett
LOUISVILLE (BP)—Scholars from 13 denominations of the "Believers' Church" tradition discovered "a common scripturally-based heritage" during the Conference on the Concept of the Believers' Church here (June 26-30).

The group said that this heritage "is relevant for contemporary life" and that the same ideas are gaining wide acceptance in other churches.

The "believers' church" tradition is grounded in the concept that the church is comprised of members who have made a voluntary commitment to Christ. This would eliminate infant baptism and an established church. Believers' churches normally stress separation of church and state and reject a hierarchical church structure. Their emphasis is on the laity and the priesthood of all believers.

Chairman Garrett pointed out that the conference was not an "ecumenical" meeting in the formal sense. It was not a meeting to which denominations officially sent representatives. He said that there was no thought of exploring either grounds or possibilities of merger for any of the denominations. On the other hand, this conference must be viewed in the light of increasing dialogue between like-minded people. It could be possible that the meeting may have set a pattern for future interfaith relations and discussions among evangelical groups of the be-

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SBC Gifts Reach Half-Way

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptist Convention contributions to world missions during the first six months of the year exceeded slightly the half-way mark in the convention's budget, an end-of-the-month financial report indicated here.

For the six-month period, a total of \$12,595,955 was contributed through the SBC Cooperative Program, the unified budget plan of the denomination which supports SBC programs of work.

In addition to the \$12 1/2 million through the Cooperative Program, designated contributions to specific missions causes reached \$18,348,891.

The combined designated gifts and Cooperative Program contributions brought total world missions gifts in the SBC to \$30.8 million for the half-year period, an increase of more than \$1.7 over total contributions for the same six-month period in 1966.

It was an increase of \$1 million in Cooperative Program contributions in comparing the 1966 and 1967 figures.

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POSSIBLY

Methodists To Outnumber SBC

NASHVILLE (BP)—The merger of The Methodist Church and the United Evangelical Brethren approved recently by two-thirds of the general conferences for both churches makes it the largest Protestant denomination in the nation, exceeding Southern Baptist Convention membership.

Latest statistical information from all three denominations indicate that the combined membership of the merged Methodist-Brethren group exceeds Southern Baptist Convention membership by 117,557.

The newly-created United Methodist Church however may be the largest Protestant denomination in the nation only for about eight months.

Final In 1968
The merger will not be final until April of 1968, and the new statistics for the church years of 1968 become available from both Methodists and Southern Baptists in February.

If past trends are any indication, the increase in Southern Baptist Convention membership may exceed the 117,557 figure next February, said Martin Bradley of the research and statistics department for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

"Actually," said Bradley,

"an increase of only 117,557 would be considered a small year of growth for the Southern Baptist Convention. I would think we would surpass that," he said.

Last year the SBC total membership increased by 179,751, and Bradley said that increase was not as great as in years past. Total SBC membership reported for 1965-66 in February was 10,952,463.

Methodist membership, however, decreased last year. In February, the Methodist Church reported a total 1965-66 membership of 10,318,910, down 12,664 from the previous year.

Latest Information
Latest information from the United Evangelical Brethren indicates their membership is 748,080. Their 1964 membership was listed as 735,723.

The merger will not be consummated until April 24-May 4 when the new United Methodist Church meets in Dallas to constitute the new church.

By that time, it is possible that the new statistics released by the Southern Baptist Convention will indicate that Southern Baptists have surpassed the combined church's membership.



AMONG THE MISSISSIPPI MEN who will participate in the Witnessing Crusade in Ohio July 18-23 are those pictured above: Left to right: Rex Minter, Jackson, to First Baptist Church, Newton Falls, Ohio; Hayes Graves, Brandon, to Memorial Baptist Church, Poland, Ohio; Claude Townsend, Florence, coordinator, who will visit several churches; Earl Nichols, Jackson, to Salem Baptist Chapel, Salem, Ohio; and Rev. Elmer Howell, Jackson, Brotherhood Secretary, who also will visit several churches.

IN OHIO

Witnessing Crusade Set For Next Week

The long-awaited Mississippi-led Ohio Witnessing Crusade will be held next week. Sixty-two men, both laymen and preachers, have been enlisted to participate, according to Claude Town-

send of Florence, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and crusade chairman.

The Brotherhood Department, Rev. Elmer Howell, secretary, has led in the enlistment of the men.

The Witnessing Crusade will be held in the Steel Valley Baptist Association, under the leadership of Rev. Ross Hughes, of Warren, Ohio, superintendent of missions. The area is in the northeastern part of the state.

Baptists to baptize one person in Steel Valley while in Mississippi it took 31.8.

Begun with 25 congregations and 4,000 members in 1952, the Convention of Baptists in Ohio, after 15 years, now has 502 congregations in four states with 70,000 members.

Every pastor who has been in the Steel Valley Association for as long as six months, with a congregation as much as a year old, is working toward starting a new mission. Twelve new congregations (Continued On Page 2)

World Mission Speakers Ask Concern For Needy

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)—Almost 2,000 Southern Baptists from throughout the United States at the first annual World Missions Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly heard a call for more concern about the problems of needy people.

A battery of well-known Southern Baptist leaders is-

sued the challenge during general sessions of the special week while denominational specialists through small conferences showed persons how to become involved with people in need in their communities.

Other presentations ranged from a dramatic theme interpretation to a colorful missions spectacular climaxed with fireworks, each seeking to carry out the conference theme of "Impact for Missions." A commitment service for home and foreign missionaries was also featured.

Sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union, the conference highlighting foreign, home, state and community missions attracted mainly family groups, many active in missionary education organizations in their churches.

C. W. Brister, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, keyed the conference with an address on "People Who Care."

"There is a popular misconception that religion deals only with the spiritual life of individuals," Brister said. "The corollary deception is that material needs like work, food, medical care, civil rights and education are outside the providence of God's

concern. "When the evidence of Jesus' life and work is viewed seriously, nothing could be further from the truth. The gospel touches every area of life," Brister declared.

Calling the 1960's the day of the little man, small nation, and protest groups, Brister expressed doubt that many Southern Baptist churches have a message for these people.

"Let's face it. Baptists like (Continued on Page 3)

During the same week, another crusade, with a central revival campaign led by Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, Texas, will be held in the Dayton area in southwestern Ohio.

Steel Valley Association, where the Mississippians will work, is near the center of an area peopled with 12,000,000 individuals, on a spot smaller than the state of Mississippi. This is more than there are white people in Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina. Last year it took six Southern

New Spanish Religious Law Limits Protestant Freedom

By C. E. Bryant
MADRID (BP)—The Spanish Cortes (parliament) has adopted a new religious liberty law about which Baptist officials are less than enthusiastic.

Although news reports indicate that the law gives non-Catholics in Spain equal rights with Catholics, Baptist leaders here say the new law is more restrictive than the Vatican Council's statement on religious freedom.

The opening article of the law, however, was commended by two Baptist leaders as "a good statement on the

basis of religious liberty."

Both Spanish Baptist Pastor Jose Cardona of Madrid and Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance who was here recently while visiting in Europe, commended the new law for an opening article which states:

"The Spanish state recognizes the right of religious liberty as founded on the dignity of the human person, and ensures the necessary protection in providing immunity against any coercion in the legitimate exercise of this right."

Nordenhaug, who has been

visiting Europe since mid-May, said however that the 40 articles which follow whittle down this right by limitations, restrictions, and regulations which apply only to non-Catholic religious groups.

"I am very disillusioned," said Cardona, who had praised the original draft of the law before it was subjected to amendments by committees of the cabinet and of the national Cortes.

Cardona said that because the new law is more restrictive than the Vatican Council II statement on religious freedom, it actually conflicts with (Continued on Page 2)

Third T. U. Week Focuses On Adults

The third Training Union week at Gulfshore Assembly this year will be different. It will have a "program designed with adults in mind," with a special emphasis on Training Union leadership.

The first two Training Union weeks will be Youth Weeks, with programs and conferences planned solely for young people. The third week, then, July 31-August 4—is for adults, and the "program designed with adults in mind."

Kermit King, state Training

Union director, states that features will include fully graded leadership training in Training Union techniques and procedures; Bible based discussion groups (first, there will be a Bible speaker, and then the participants will break up into smaller groups for discussion and practical application of Bible truths); a drama workshop; and an entire program slanted to the needs of adults and their families.

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A GOOD WORD FOR THE OLD SOUTH

By John F. Havlik
A favorite sport of many people today is "picking on the Old South" or "soon we will have to send missionaries to the Old South." A hard look at some of our population trends and statistical information indicates that the Southern and Pacific coast states are much more in danger of being lost to evangelism than the Old South. When the whole picture is seen, the Old South has been doing a better job than most other sections in evangelizing its population.

baptisms in relation to Southern Baptist population. For the sake of comparison we will use the four Southern states that are traditionally "deep South" and compare them with one of the most evangelistic states in the SBC, the state of Texas. Texas is used because it is the only state convention that can more than equal in number of churches and strength, the state conventions of "The Old South." Here are the baptismal ratios for these five states for 1966, demonstrating that the lower ratio is indicative of more baptisms in relation to Southern Baptist population.

lation:
Alabama 30.9
Georgia 31.5
Louisiana 31.6
Mississippi 31.7
Texas 32
This brief comparison tells us that it took 30.9 Southern Baptists to baptize one convert in Alabama and it took 32 Southern Baptists to baptize one convert in Texas. When one considers that in these four states there are more Southern Baptists in relation to total population than any other states, the figures are even more striking. The ratio of 32 for Texas is a percentage of total popu-

tion, and the following comparison of the same five states reveals how well the Southern Baptists have penetrated total population by giving us the number of Southern Baptists in comparison to total population:
Alabama—one Baptist for every 4.3 total population.
Georgia—one Baptist for every 4.5 total population.
Louisiana—one Baptist for every 4.5 total population.
Mississippi—one Baptist for every 4.5 total population.
Texas—one Baptist for every 4.5 total population.



MISSIONARIES — NEW YORK — Christian leaders have appealed for the internationalization of Jerusalem, a city sacred to Jews, Muslims, as well as Christians. These two views of Jerusalem were released by the United Nations' Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Eastern Question in 1947. The map shows the city in both the Old and New City of Jerusalem and is open to all visitors and pilgrims. (AP Wirephoto)

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believers' church tradition.

In addition to the 150 participants from believers' churches there were observers from the Roman Catholic Church, the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

The planning committee sent out 500 invitations to persons nominated by members of the interfaith committee. Persons from the following groups accepted: Assemblies of God, Baptists (eight denominations), Church of the Brethren, Brethren Church, Churches of Christ, North American Christian Convention, Disciples of Christ, Church of God (Anderson, Ind.), Friends (two denominations), Mennonites (five denominations), Brethren in Christ, the Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ.

These persons came from 26 states and the District of Columbia, four provinces of Canada and five nations outside North America.

The program was built around the theme of the believers' church as a believing people, a people in community, a people under the word, and a people in the world.

Thirteen major addresses were delivered on various aspects of these themes.

This led to one of the major criticisms of the meeting. The speeches were on the whole too "academic." Rather than genuine dialogue, the meeting was scholars talking to scholars.

It was observed that the believers' churches in their origins were essentially movements of laymen. In this meeting, however, the laymen were noticeably absent. Although there were six or eight present, if the laity is considered to be persons in unofficial church or denominational capacities, there were none present.

Another point of weakness of the conference was that it was strong in history but weak in present day meaning. The speakers, even though they said that the believers' church principles were relevant to today's world, did not develop this idea to any large extent.

In spite of these weaknesses, the conference may well prove to be one of the most significant in the history of the free church movement.

For one thing, the simple

fact that the meeting was held means that steps are being taken to rediscover the meaning of 15th and 16th century free church principles for current Christian problems.

The conference said that the believers' church heritage includes acknowledgment of (1) the lordship of Christ, (2) the authority of the Word, (3) church membership regenerated by the spirit, (4) the covenant of believers, (5) a need for a perpetual restitution of the church, (6) the necessity for separation from the world, (7) proclamation and service to the world, and (8) a special conception of Christian unity.

One of the big values of the conference was that it afforded an opportunity to promote understanding and dialogue among groups with widely divergent viewpoints. Occasionally the discussion dropped to the level of debate, but it was held largely to the level of dialogue.

Although no plans were formalized for another meeting on the concept of the believers' church, the door was left open for some seminary, college, congregation, denominational office or other agency to call for a conference. Whatever group does invite another conference should be able and willing, it was pointed out, to bear some of the financial burden and administrative coordination.

Witnessing . . .

(Continued from Page 1) could be begun by October of this year if ministers and their maintenance were available.

The Mississippi laymen will witness, give their testimonies, visit, and take census, Mr. Townsend said, while the pastors will do the same thing and also deliver the evangelistic messages. Crusades are planned for 15 churches and missions.

The laymen who go usually pay their own expenses except in a few cases where their expenses are provided by a church or a Brotherhood (church or association) or some other group, Mr. Townsend said.

Expenses of pastors who go are usually paid for by their churches or other organizations, he added.

The crusade is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Pioneer Missions Committee of which T. Cooper Walton of Jackson is chairman.



THE BUILDING COMMITTEE of the Convention Board met on July 30, to consider bids on furnishings for the new Baptist Building in Jackson. Twelve firms offered bids on the items planned for the new building, and the committee took all bids under consideration, and will award the contracts at an early date. Seated, l. to r., Dr. Bob Ramsay, Brookhaven; A. L. Nelson, Business Manager of the Convention Board; Dr. Clyde Bryan, Committee Consultant; Miss Edie Cherry of Houston, Texas, representing the architects; and Rev. Joseph Triplett, Newton, Standing, l. to r. Glenn Perry, Philadelphia; W. P. McMullan, Sr., Jackson, and Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention Board. Absent from the meeting was Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Chairman.

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fects the French Catholic culture in south Louisiana.

The only state in the West that can compare with the Old South in penetration is Oklahoma, with one Southern Baptist for each 4.6 total population. This is more startling when one remembers that the traditional evangelical denominations are equally stronger in the Old South, and that these figures do not include other Baptist groups. Other Southern states SBC penetration include Tennessee with one Baptist to 4.4 total population, Kentucky with one to 5.7, Arkansas with one to 5.5, South Carolina with one to 4.6,

and North Carolina with one to 4.9.

New state convention baptismal ratios look very good, as for example Ohio with 10.4, Oregon-Washington with 14.7, Alaska with 11.7 and Colorado with 14.3. But consider the fact that in these same states Southern Baptists number one to 300 in Ohio, one to 147 in Oregon-Washington, one to 33 in Alaska, and one to 113 in the Colorado Convention.

These states should have a better baptismal ratio when one considers the number of unchurched and unsaved that are possibilities. It is also to be remembered that the Old South has maintained this de-

gree of penetration after giving up thousands of its people who have been instrumental in organizing the work in pioneer areas and new state conventions.

Thank God for the "Bible Belt" and all that it has meant and is meaning to the kingdom of God. It is true that the Bible Belt has its imperfections, but there are very few of God's children who are perfect that I know of. This is one Yankee born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who is grateful for "Old South evangelism" that loved him, sought him, and won him to Jesus Christ. May the holy fires of evangelism burn all across our land.

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existing Spanish law which states the doctrine of the Catholic Church will inspire its (the Spanish government's) legislation."

Cardona said that "the Spanish bishops have done nothing to promote the cause of genuine religious freedom."

Both Cardona and Nordenhaug listed specific points in the new law which they felt were restrictive. The limitations, said Nordenhaug, include:

"Non-Catholics must submit annually a complete list of members to the Minister of Justice. The financial records of each non-Catholic church must be open at any time to the inspection of government authorities.

"Places of worship must be approved by the state and mission to hold religious services anywhere else must be secured from the authorities 'in ample time.' Signs on non-Catholic churches and advertising of services must be only on 'a scale adequate for their needs.'"

"The Spanish Ministry of Justice will establish a register of non-Catholic ministers and of non-Catholic confessional associations. Evangelical ministers will be subject to draft into military service.

Cardona further pointed out that there is a provision which makes it compulsory for non-Catholics in the armed forces to attend church parades "as an act of service." The original law, he said, exempted them from this on grounds of conscience.

Nordenhaug said that the "liberty" advertised for non-Catholics is severely limited by these and other regulations. The proposed law merely grants to non-Catholics the right to apply for permission to exercise their religion within these limits, he declared.

Other spokesmen for Protestant organizations in Spain have said the effect of the law will depend largely on the way in which it is interpreted and enforced.

While they welcome such things as the law's recognition of Protestant marriages as valid, they, too, question whether some requirements can be described as promoting true religious freedom.

Under the new law, among the rights which Protestants will enjoy for the first time are those of worshipping publicly, putting signs on their

churches and listing the time of services, conducting schools and seminaries for their own members, distributing books to their members and having their own cemeteries.

Also, Spanish Protestants will now be able to hold commissions in the armed forces and public offices, below that of Chief of State which must be held by a Catholic.

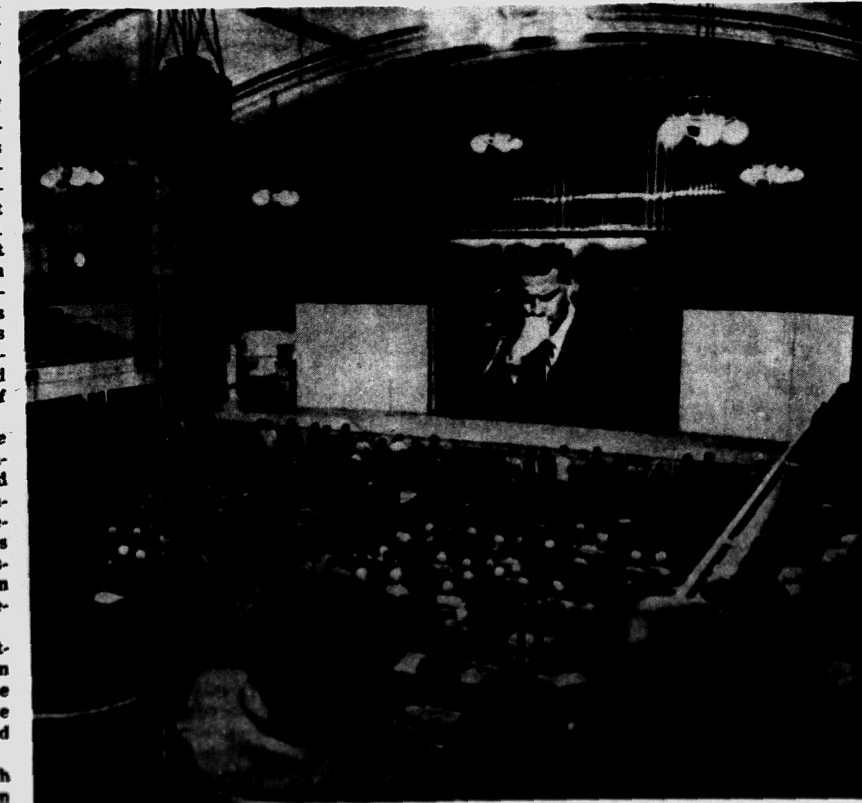
Protestant organizations also will be able to own property for the first time, rather than having the property registered in the name of one of their members, as in the past.

Protestant hopes have been raised by several events, beginning with the second Vatican Council's assertion that religious liberty is a God-given right of every person and that such liberty cannot be either granted or denied by human authority.

Even Spain's Chief of State Generalissimo Franco broadcast a message last New Year's eve announcing a new day for religious liberty of all the people of Spain.

But Spanish Baptist leaders fear that adoption of the new law will make it mandatory upon the authorities to enforce the projected restrictions, thereby actually making conditions more difficult than at present.

—Spurgeon



GOSPEL BY TELEVISION — Evangelist Billy Graham is shown in prayer at the close of his first sermon (June 23) of the AR Britain Crusade. It reached from London's Earl's Court Arena to 25 cities throughout the British Isles. This picture was taken at Leicester, in central England, where De Montfort Hall was used for the closed-circuit television relay crusade. More than 57,000 people attended the opening meeting at points from Scotland to Ireland and from Wales back to London. As this picture was shown, anti-Vietnam war demonstrators were protesting in Earl's Court, but it was not relayed to the centers and did not stop nearly 1,000 persons from moving forward as inquirers at the conclusion of the sermon. The Crusade was the largest television look-up for any event in the history of England or Northern Europe. The Crusade continued through July 1.

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Since many adults who attend will want to bring their children with them, provisions have been made for such Junior and Intermediate boys and girls. The Children's Building will be available as usual, with its excellent facilities and a well-trained staff.

Program personnel will include J. Garland McKee, Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge, La., featured speaker; Bill Pinson, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Bible teacher; Mrs. Sarah Walton Miller, Church Recreation Department, Houston, Texas, as a drama consultant; Phil Briggs, Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, vocational guidance leader; Graham Smith, First Church, Laurel, song leader; Marjean Patterson, Jackson, state WMS director, organist; Bob Taylor, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, pianist; Kermit King, Evelyn George, Norman Rodgers, and Bill Latham, Training Union Department staff, Jackson.

Methods conference leaders will be Earl Murphy, BSSB,

Nashville, general officers; John Ishee, BSSB, adult union members; Kenneth Trinkle, Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge, young people's workers; Bob Taylor, BSSB, Intermediate workers; Margaret Sharp, BSSB Junior workers; Dr. Mildred Souther, New Orleans Seminary, Primary workers; Bill D. King, Texas Training Union Department, Dallas, Beginner workers; and Mrs. James Griffin, Approved Worker, Little Rock, Arkansas, Nursery workers.

Afternoons will be free for recreation. Swimming, sailing, fishing, tennis, basketball, shuffleboard, and ping pong are available on the assembly grounds.

For reservations send name and address to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian. The reservation fee for children under nine is fifty cents; for nine years of age and older the fee is \$2.00.

All housing accommodations are air-conditioned. Charges are per person per day and include room, meals, and linens. Barracks are \$4.00; hotel rooms with bath on hall, \$4.50; hotel rooms with private bath, \$5.00 with four occupants, \$6.00 with three, \$7.00 with two.

The registration fee is the only charge for children under two. For children 2-8, the charge is one-half the above rates.

The program begins with the evening meal on Monday and closes with the noon meal on Friday.

RIDGECREST MANAGER TO RETIRE

NASHVILLE (BP)—Willard K. Weeks, manager of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in Ridgecrest, N. C., will retire after 17 years in the position effective Oct. 31. Hubert Smothers, director of the services division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, has announced.

Known as "Daddy Weeks" to almost 7,000 summer staff members who have worked with him since 1950, Weeks has a reputation for continuing interest in the staffers and for carrying candy bars which he gives away at almost any excuse.

During his 17 years as manager, the Southern Baptist Convention assembly has grown from 1,200 to 2,400 acres; the annual attendance has increased from 21,477 in 1950 to 36,309 last year, and the property value has increased from \$795,000 to nearly \$4 million.

Before assuming the assembly managership, Weeks was pastor's associate at Second Baptist Church, Houston, and president of the Texas Baptist encampment at Palacios, Tex. Earlier he was for 27 years pastor's assistant, financial secretary and educational director at Baptist churches in St. Petersburg and Jacksonville, Fla.

Smothers said Week's successor would be nominated at a meeting of the Sunday School Board, July 26-27, at Ridgecrest.

Baptist Book Store Manager's Husband Dies

Otis M. Jones, husband of the manager of the Baptist Book Store in Jackson, died in Veterans Hospital July 3 following an illness of several months.

He was a native of Trezevant, Tenn., but had made his home in Jackson since 1938. A retired life insurance salesman, Mr. Jones was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, and was a teacher of intermediate boys in the Sunday school for 35 years.

Funeral services were conducted July 4 at Wright and Ferguson Funeral Home, with Dr. Joe T. Tuten, Calvary pastor, officiating. Burial was in Union City, Tennessee.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mabelle Cummings of Rives, Tennessee; and two sisters, Mrs. C. M. Pickler of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Cecil Franks of Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Jones wishes to express her appreciation for all the kindnesses that have been extended to her in this time of her husband's illness and death.

Brotherhood Now Includes Boys 6-8

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)

Directors of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission voted unanimously here to expand its missionary education program to include Baptist boys ages six to eight, and approved a record operating budget of \$350,440 for 1967-68.

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission at Memphis, called the decision to provide guidance materials in missionary education for boys 6-8 "a progressive move" in men and boys' work in the Southern Baptist Convention.

At an annual meeting a month earlier in Miami Beach, the Executive Board of SBC Woman's Missionary Union voted to ask the Brotherhood Commission to assume this responsibility, making the first curriculum materials available for use in the churches, Oct. 1, 1970.

Involving an estimated 75,000 boys, the transfer of responsibility permits one agency to provide the missionary education guidance materials for all boys in the children's division (ages 6-11) of the new grading-grouping plan Southern Baptist churches will begin using in 1970, Schroeder explained.

At the present time the Brotherhood Commission offers guidance materials in missionary education for boys 9-17 and men 18 and older in 15,000 churches.

The new budget, an increase of \$47,000, calls for ex-

penditures of \$321,164 for program development, \$138,588 for supporting services and \$60,000 for administrative services. It becomes effective October 1.

The agency expects to receive \$235,000 of the budget from the SBC Cooperative Program and the remainder from sales of publications and other materials.

In other action the directors approved a new internal organization pattern for the agency, added a personnel committee of five directors, and expanded its retirement program.

Making up the personnel committee are chairman Jerry Glisson, James K. Pace and Dr. Leon Bolton, all of Memphis, Roy Collum of Philadelphia, Miss., and O'Hearn.

PHILLIPSTON HOMECOMING

Phillipston Church is having Homecoming Day on Sunday, July 16, and invites all former pastors and members. The services will begin with Sunday school at 10:00 A.M. and continue until the afternoon. There will be dinner on the ground and singing and services in the afternoon.

The Revival will begin on this day also. Rev. Lewis Ballmer, from Scotland Church, Winona, Miss., will bring the revival messages. Harold Smith will be song director and Sandra Teal, pianist.

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ures, and an increase of \$754,042 in designated gifts.

"Cooperative Program receipts for SBC causes during the first six months of 1967 show a 8.7 per cent increase, compared with a 4.3 per cent increase for designated causes for the same period," said Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee which prepared the financial report.

"This is encouraging," Routh said, "but we must also face the fact that this represents 52 per cent of the annual budget, compared with 54 per cent of the budget at the same period last year.

"In the light of the growing world need and continued inflation, all of us as Christians should seriously consider readjusting upward our giving to the causes of Christ through our church," Routh said.

Most of the \$30.8 million contributed during the six-month period went to support Southern Baptist foreign mission efforts.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board received \$8.3 million to support SBC mission efforts on a nation-wide scale in the United States.

Six Southern Baptist Convention-affiliated seminaries received \$2.4 million during the six-month period.

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WMU To Present New Materials

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — The printers ink will hardly be dry when the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) presents its new mission action guidance materials at WMU Conferences at Ridgcrest and Glorieta Baptist Assembly this summer.

"Mission action" is a new Southern Baptist strategy for ministering and witnessing to people the church is missing in its regular programs, WMU officials said.

Training church workers for mission action efforts will share the spotlight with leadership training mission information at WMU Conferences at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, July 20 - 26, and Ridgcrest Baptist Assembly, August 10-16.

Preparing WMU leaders to get mission action underway in 1967-68, afternoon workshops at the conferences will amplify five new mission action group guides and the Mission Action Projects Guide to be released July 15.

Each workshop will deal with how to set up mission action groups. How to use the printed guides will be demonstrated.

Other mission action steps to be explained include personal preparation, surveying the needs, planning, in-service training and group sharing.

Women who wrote the new materials will direct the workshops, aided by WMU staff members who also serve on the teams which planned the guides.

Workshops will be held introducing new materials on mission action strategies for ministering to juvenile delinquents, language groups, internationals, the sick, and the poor.

Another workshop will teach leaders of Women's Missionary Societies, Girls' Auxiliary, and Young Woman's Auxiliary, how to conduct the many types of short-term mission action activities.

Speakers include Mrs. Roy Snider of Camden, Ark., writer of Mission Action Projects Guide; Mrs. Louise Wilkinson of Longview, Tex., author of the juvenile rehabilitation guide; Mrs. Sam Dunbar of New Orleans, author of the language groups guide; Mrs. Robert Denny of Washington, writer of the internationals guide; Mrs. Roy McGlamery of Ripley, Miss., author of the guide on ministering to the sick; and Mrs. Don Thompson of Lubbock, Tex., writer of the guide on ministering to the economically disadvantaged.

General meetings will present the contemporary world missions picture through addresses by furloughing Southern Baptist missionaries, WMU leaders said.

Bible teachers will be Josef Nordenhaug at Glorieta, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; and Page H. Kelley at Ridgcrest, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

N. O. Seminary Plans Bible Conference

The sixth annual Pastors Conference will be held on the campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, July 17-21.

The conference is designed to aid the pastor in his ministry through providing lectures in the Old and New Testaments, discussions, sermons, library study, and fellowship with other pastors. While the majority of those who attend are from the Southern states, pastors come from all sections of the country.

Program personalities include: Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Albert McClellan, program planning secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. J. Leo Green, professor of Old Testament, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Joe H. Cothen, pastor of the Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.; and Mrs. J. D. Gray, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, La.

Former State Pastor Dies In South Carolina

Dr. T. D. Brown, former pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg, died recently at his home in Anderson, S. C., where he had been living since retirement, according to a report in The Mountain Voice, publication of Clear Creek Baptist School in Kentucky.

Dr. Brown had been teaching a Sunday School class until a few months before his death.

Dr. Brown had pastored churches in Louisville, Ky., Eldorado, Arkansas, and in other places, as well as at First Church, Hattiesburg, where he served for about four years in the 1940's. After retiring from the Hattiesburg church he served some rural churches in the Macon area for a brief period.

He also served as executive secretary of Arkansas Baptists, and as head of the Bible department at Ouachita College in Arkansas, earlier in his ministry.

After leaving Mississippi, Dr. Brown spent ten years as a professor at Clear Creek Baptist School in the Kentucky mountains.

Dr. Brown's theological library and his sermon notes were given to the Clear Creek library.

Mrs. Brown is residing at 502-B Calhoun Street, Anderson, S. C.

'Spree Drinking' Subject Of Alcohol Study

WASHINGTON (BP) — What are the behavior patterns of alcoholics while they are drunk? Do they drink more when alone or in a group? Are they willing to perform useful work to obtain alcohol?

These and other questions will be studied by two Boston institutions with the aid of funds made available by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) of the Public Health Service, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.



GROUND-BREAKING at West Laurel—Sunday, June 18, 2:30 p. m. a ground-breaking ceremony for a new additional two-story educational building (and renovation) consisting of over 13,000 square feet, at a cost of \$150,000.00, was held at West Laurel Church, Laurel. Those pictured include the Building Committee; Building Finance Committee; deacons; pastor—

WORLD MISSION SPEAKERS ASK CONCERN FOR NEEDY

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strength, not weakness. It is much easier for us to be drawn to big organizational objectives than to meet the great needs of today."

Describing the persons in need with such terms as poverty, blindness, alcohol, illiteracy, jack knives, and out-of-wedlock pregnancy, Brister declared they want action, not sympathy from Christian people.

Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee, echoed the plea for involvement with the hope every Christian, not just the pastor, will make missions a family ministry.

"The criteria for a church is not how many persons we can get to come into a church building, but how many we can get to go out to minister," he said.

Brooks Ramsey, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Memphis, said Southern Baptist churches risk losing large segments of society. "The intellectuals and young people sometimes call us 'phonies' and that hurts."

But it's true when we refuse to meet our responsibilities."

Warning that Christians can't sit on a spiritual mountaintop while sin and strife flourish below, Ramsey declared: "We must go out and face the problems of the world if we are going to follow the teachings in the New Testament."

Ramsey said religious institutions should be used to minister to all people of the world and not maintained just for the sake of being maintained.

Albert McClellan, program planning secretary for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, accented the need for Christians to become involved financially in ministering to others. "The work of missionaries who are sent to work in various parts of the world are important," he said "but we shouldn't forget that the prayers and financial support of local dedicated Christians are also necessary in spreading the gospel throughout the world."

ty "when we ignore the needs of the world."

Melrose, Benton, Sends Relief Offering For India

The Melrose Church, Benton, has taken a special offering for starving people of India, and sent it to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, designated to the relief fund of the Baptist World Alliance.

The offering was inspired by a recent television program which depicted the tragic conditions in India, where crop failures and economic distress has left a very serious famine situation. The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Tubbs, saw the program, and sent a special personal gift to the Baptist Record to be sent to these people.

The Baptist Record suggested that the pastor contact the World Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, to secure full information on how to help these starving people, since the BWA handles world relief programs for the various Baptist denominational groups of the world.

A reply from the World Alliance leaders that such an offering could be made led

Pastor Tubbs to ask the Melrose Church to make a relief offering, and \$51.58 was given.

Mr. Tubbs suggests that many other Baptist churches in the state make a special offering for these "hungry people." He says that the churches need to take such action in the name of Christ. Such offerings should be sent to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, designated for the Baptist World Alliance Relief Fund for use in India.

"When a church member is living in close personal relationship to his Lord, it is not difficult to find a satisfactory plan of giving. But when he loses the attitude of a steward, he quickly arrives at a perverted relationship to money and property." — W. E. Grindstaff in *Principles of Stewardship Development* (Convention Press, 1967)

"I am appealing for the churches, through the Cooperative Program, to provide more adequate support for all six seminaries." — Duke K. McCall

Ridgcrest WMU Conference August 10-16, 1967

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A question often asked: Is Christian womanpower being wasted? We hope to help answer this question in our week of conferences at Ridgcrest on leadership for future WMU work.

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We want a bus load of women to go with us for this conference. Here are the plans.

GOING

The bus will leave Jackson on Tuesday, August 8. The first night will be in Chattanooga and the second night at Cherokee, North Carolina.

RETURNING

We will leave Ridgcrest at noon Wednesday and spend the night in Atlanta, arriving in Jackson Friday afternoon.

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The Gulfshore Bible Conference

The annual Gulfshore Bible Conference time is approaching, and many Baptists are looking forward to it with keen anticipation. Many Mississippians, and a large number from other states, have come to recognize this as one of the best weeks of the summer season, as they enjoy a wonderful family vacation, with the plus of great Bible teaching and spiritual fellowship. Those who have not joined the group before should plan now to do so this year.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is the director of this annual Bible Conference which will be held the week of August 14-18. The place is Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian.

This year's program is one of the finest to be presented in all of the years the conference has been held. The preacher will be Dr. Gordon Clinard from San Angelo, Texas, already widely known in Mississippi. Dr. Malcolm Tolbert of New Orleans Seminary will teach the book of Luke, as a preview of next year's January Bible Study. Dr. W. C. Fields of Nashville, former pastor in Mississippi and former editor of the Baptist Record, will teach the Life of Paul. Dr. Joe Tuten of Calvary Church, Jackson, will teach the book of Micah. Dr. Fred Hubbs, Executive Secretary of the Michigan Baptist Convention, will teach the Gospel of John. Dr. Clark Hensley, of the Christian Action Commission, will teach Biblical Backgrounds on Moral Issues. Mr. Fon Scofield of the Foreign Mission Board will give illustrated slide lectures on the Journeys of Paul. Where could one find a finer Bible study schedule, or more outstanding leaders?

In addition to this, there will be the days of relaxation at beautiful Gulfshore, for the afternoons are all free. There will be time for recreation, fellowship, or just rest.

Why not plan now to be at Gulfshore during Bible Conference week? It could be the best week of the year for you. Write today to Mr. Tom Douglas, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss., concerning reservations.



A MATTER OF PRIORITY

By Dr. James L. Pleitz,
Pastor, First Church
Pensacola, Florida

Some months ago one of my friends made a trip abroad. He wrote me several times while he was in Europe. By far the most interesting card was postmarked "Athens". As usual he had written only a short note. There were exactly 30 words on this card but he said a lot in 30 words, especially five of them. He wrote, "Today I saw the King."

A lot of people visit Greece and never see the King. They see the Parthenon, and Mars Hill, and the old cell where Socrates was held prisoner, but they never see the King. My friend did. When I received the card I wondered how it happened. Did he just happen to bump into the King of Greece while walking down a street in Athens? Probably not. Did their tour leader take the group of tourists by the palace for a brief visit with the King? Probably not. I knew that some effort was involved. Probably he had to cancel some other plans in order to see his majesty. If so, it was well worth it.

When he returned from his trip, he told me how it happened. He had gone out to the palace with no real hope of seeing the King. When he arrived at the palace gate, he was informed that the King would be coming out of the palace some time that morning. He waited patiently and in time he was well rewarded. That night he wrote his friends, "Today I saw the King."

Some effort is always involved in seeing a king. This is especially true of our endeavor to see King Jesus. Zaccheus was determined to see the king. He had heard that Jesus was in Jerusalem and he sought to see Jesus who he was. "A lot of obstacles stood between that little man and King Jesus. He overcame them all. I can well imagine Zaccheus wrote several of his close friends that night. The message was short, but, O, how meaningful: "Today I saw the King!"

Our great concern in life should be to see this King. We are assured of doing so when we meet His condition. The Bible says, "You will seek the Lord your God and you will find Him, when you search after Him with all



New Books

THE INDOMITABLE BAPTISTS by O. K. Armstrong and Marjorie Moore Armstrong (Doubleday, 392 pp., \$5.95).

The subtitle reads "A Narrative of Their Role in Shaping American History," and this well describes the volume. The reader walks with the Baptists from the earliest times in America to the present moment. He sees the founding of the first Baptist churches in the new nation. He follows their struggle for existence, and witnesses their victory in the battle for their beliefs. He sees the coming of the constitutional guarantees of religious freedom and separation of church and state, as a result of the persistent determination of the Baptists. He watches as these Baptist fathers join the march of the pioneers in the westward movement of the nation. Names become familiar. Baptist names such as Roger Williams, John Leland, Adoniram Judson, Luther Rice, John Mason Peck, and many, many others. The authors depict the development of Baptist work all over the nation, American Baptists, Southern Baptists, Swedish Baptists, German Baptists, the Negro Baptists, and the smaller groups as well.

BILLY GRAHAM by John Pollock (Zondervan, 277 pp., paperback, 95 cents).

The authorized biography of Billy Graham, reprinted in paperback from the 1966 hard cover edition. Pollock is an ordained minister in the Church of England who turned professionally to writing several years ago. This book is so deep and so thorough that future biographers will not be able to add much. They will have only to build on this foundation.

well. The whole field of Baptist work is covered, including their preaching, their churches, their organization, their educational program, their missionary zeal, their doctrinal integrity, their evangelism, their ecumenical relationships, as well as other facets of their program. Baptist readers in one convention and one area, will come to a new appreciation of the work of other Baptist groups, and a new understanding of the whole Baptist witness. This is a splendid book, well written, and makes an outstanding contribution to the Baptist historical record. It should be widely read by all Southern Baptists, for it will give a new appreciation, and understanding not only of the development of their own convention, but of the other conventions as well.

Baptist Forum

APPRECIATES GIFT OF TRAILER

Dear Brother Odle: A few days ago I was at our Ponderosa Southern Baptist Assembly. It was orientation time for the summer student missionaries. Leroy Smith was present from Montana and I saw the new trailer which had been given him by the Baptists of Mississippi.

May I express again our deep appreciation to you and Mississippi Baptists for your wonderful mission spirit which results in many mission action projects.

May God continue to bless you and all who work with you there.

Sincerely,
Glen E. Braswell
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Colorado Baptist General Convention

Disapproves Quarterly

The Phillippston church, Leflore County, has released the following statement:

June 28, 1967

To whom it may Concern: The members of the Phillippston Baptist church of Leflore county located at Sidon, Miss. are very much upset about the July, August, September issue of the Sunbeam Activities. We do not appreciate this kind of integrated literature being published for our little children to study. Unless there is some kind of action taken immediately, we of the Phillippston Baptist Church go on record as of this day, June 28, 1967 opposing and refusing to use the Sunbeam activities literature.

Signed:
The local congregation of
The Phillippston Baptist
Church of Leflore County
Sidon, Mississippi

Liked Hensley's Alcohol Article

Dear Dr. Odle: The article "Singers and Alcohol" by I. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, in the July 1967 issue of the Baptist Record was apparently good. The message about Brother

Mississippi material for the Southern Baptist Encyclopedia.

As an educator he had served as president of Clarke College, and also as a teacher there, and at Mississippi College. He had pastored a number of churches.

We could go on and on, for Mr. Boyd had a part in much of the history of Mississippi Baptists during his generation, and his life influence will live on for many years to come.

Coach Stanley Robinson was a different type of man. His record was written in the lives of young men he touched as they passed through the halls of Mississippi College, and in other places where he served.

Today there are literally thousands of men who have gone out to serve their state and their nation, strengthened and made taller and finer, because they came under the influence of this Christian coach and teacher, and Christian gentlemen. Stanley Robinson was known and respected all over the state and nation, for his prowess as a coach, and his character as man. Mississippi College and Mississippi were better places because he lived in and served in them.

Mississippi and Mississippi Baptists have lost two outstanding men. We thank God for their lives, and extend to their families our deepest sympathy in their passing.

"Bill Wallace Of China"

We were among the thousands of Southern Baptists who saw the new film, "Bill Wallace of China," while we were in Miami Beach. Our hearts were moved and blessed by the experience.

We watched Southern Baptist world missions come alive on the screen, and saw and felt the great spirit of a missionary doctor as he loved people ministered to them in the name of Christ, pointed them to God, and used his training and skills unselfishly and devotedly to care for their needs.

The film was made in and near Hong Kong, so the land and the people along with the actual living conditions of the area, are vividly and beautifully photographed. Gregory Walcott does an amazing portrayal of Bill Wallace, and other actors, including missionaries, do an outstanding job.

There is warmth, pathos, humor, and strong Christian witness in the film, along with a clear presentation of the treachery and ruthlessness of Communism.

Millions of earnest Christians should determine to see the film when it comes to their communities, for it certainly is a great moving picture portrayal of an outstanding Christian life.

Current Issues In Baptist Life



By Wayne E. Ward
Professor of Theology
Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

What Is The Purpose Of Baptist Associations?

As far back as we can trace English Baptist history, and even Anabaptist history on the continent of Europe, there have been some doctrinal disagreements. If Baptists had waited until they agreed on all points of doctrine, they could never have gotten together to support schools, train the ministry, and send out missionaries. Because they were Baptist, they treasured freedom and the liberty of conscience so much that they were able to accept each other and work together, even when they could not agree on some points.

This is the thing to remember — Baptists first came together in associations for fellowship and for cooperation in missions and education.

They did not draw up a creed on which they could agree as the basis of their association. It is true that they often made a statement of faith which they published to the world and which they used to express the beliefs which they held in common. But the most remarkable thing about every one of these Confessions of Faith is this — they always left a great deal of freedom for individual interpretation, especially on the matters of baptism and the Lord's Supper — and they never tried to force this statement like a creed upon the congregations. They feared this like the plague because this was exactly the kind of Catholic and high church authoritarianism against which Baptists were always struggling.

They knew that in the Baptist way, each individual Baptist and each congregation must seek the will of God and the light of the New Testament to guide them in matters of faith and practice. If they obeyed some doctrinal practice because it was handed down from association on convention, rather than because the congregation was convinced of it by the clear

Hensley brings in the article and certainly gives in which all Southern Baptists should read. I have copied this article for our own files. Floyd Ogle, Christian Life Commission, Louisville, Tenn.

teaching of the Bible and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, such practice would be wrong even if the doctrine were right! The handing down of doctrine from the top is the high-church, Catholic way. The searching of the scriptures under the guidance of the Holy Spirit is the Baptist way.

Of course, there have been churches which departed so far from the New Testament teaching that associations had to exclude them. Each association is an independent and autonomous body; and, like all Baptist bodies, it has the authority to make its own decisions, its own rules for membership, and its own form of discipline. I have even been in associations which excluded all messengers who were women, or members of another race, or under a certain age.

The question is not whether the association has the authority to exclude messengers from certain churches for doctrinal or other reasons — it certainly has that authority. The question is whether it is wise or right to exclude messengers and churches on doctrinal issues which have always been in dispute among Baptists and on which there are honest differences as to the New Testament evidence.

The mentality which demands absolute uniformity on all doctrinal matters and tries to force this on all other congregations and individuals has been embodied in one great historic institution — the Roman Catholic Church. They have done this by handing down authoritative statements of doctrine, often hammered out in councils and group meetings (not unlike associations, conventions, or committees) and then superimposed upon the people and congregations at the "grass-roots" level.

I am concerned about doctrinal disagreements, even on small matters, but I am concerned about this kind of authoritarianism even more! In the New Testament, the congregation of believers gathered and prayed and did "what seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to them." They did not have a hierarchy to hand down interpretations of doctrine.



The Admiral Corporation, which makes television sets among other things, will take its advertising off network television as a protest against the level of programming and the "clutter," according to the New York Times News Service (June 5, 1967).

The U. S. Supreme Court agreed on May 15 to take under consideration a Dallas motion picture classification ordinance. The Dallas ordinance calls for listing of films as suitable for young people under sixteen in terms of obscenity, brutality, criminal violence or depravity. United Artists and a group of exhibitors brought the case to the Supreme court after Dallas had moved to stop the showing of certain films.

More fatalities and serious injuries are resulting from the use of LSD in Southern California. Early users of the drug tried, with fatal results, to fly from tall buildings. More recently, traffic injuries have resulted from the use of LSD. One driver careened a truck through downtown Los Angeles. Police found the driver naked and confused, denying any knowledge about his trip. Four students had their vision seriously damaged by looking straight at the sun.

Seven Las Vegas hotelmen have been arraigned for "skimming" profits off the top of gambling winnings and excluding them in tax returns, according to Variety (May 4, 1966). The executives were all associated with the Fremont and Riviera hotels.

The college students of today are more liberated and far more sophisticated than earlier groups. There is more sexual freedom, more of a sense of living for "an experience." There are, definitely, fewer taboos. There are, in fact, new values — and new frustrations. Perhaps the strongest impression is the feeling of openness toward life and physical functions. Haynes Johnson, staff writer, Washington Evening Star reports these findings after a four week, cross-country trip during which students and teachers were interviewed at colleges and universities. June 8, 1967.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

July 17—Martin Gilbert, superintendent of missions, Jeff Davis County; Virgil Ratcliff, supt. of missions, Leake County.
July 18—Mrs. Sue Lipsey, faculty, Mississippi College; Charles Martin, faculty, Mississippi College.
July 19—Ann Burnside, Baptist Book Store; Mary Elizabeth Bolls, staff, Children's Village.
July 20 — Edwin Hamilton, BSU director, Mississippi State University; Bryce Evans, faculty, Clarke College.
July 21—E. L. Howell, Baptist Building; Bill Latham, Baptist Building.
July 22—Mrs. James L. Flatt, staff, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. Myrtis Laubert, staff, Blue Mountain College.
July 23—T. W. Perrott, faculty, Wm. Carey College; Carolyn Webb, pediatrics instructor, Gilroy School of Nursing.

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Print Shop Talk Changed His Life

By W. C. Fields
Director, Baptist Press
EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in a series of Baptist Press features on Southern Baptist Convention leaders and agency heads.

A conversation in a printing shop thirty years ago changed the course of a young layman's life.

The new paths he began following on that day have led to the chief administrative office in the Southern Baptist Convention.

During a revival meeting in Shawnee, Okla., Dr. L. R. Scarborough, then president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, hunted up Porter Routh and laid the cause of missions on his heart.

Just back from the Orient, Dr. Scarborough had been impressed with the need for a dedicated and skilled worker for the Baptist publishing house in Shanghai. His concern eventually led him to the manager of the printing shop of Oklahoma Baptist University, 25-year old Porter Routh.

Porter, a layman with no special sense of call to the ministry, had considered studying law, but had found himself being nudged by circumstances into journalism. He listened with some amazement to Dr. Scarborough's suggestion that he accept this work overseas, but promised to consider it prayerfully.

Ruth Purdie
After talking the matter over with Ruth Purdie, his fiancée, they wrote Dr. Charles E. Maddrey at the Southern Baptist Mission Board saying that they were willing and ready to go to China as missionaries.

Porter and Ruth Routh never made it to Shanghai, but through the many turns in the road they have walked together, they have served well the causes of Christ, including missions.

The story of Porter Routh's life is still unfolding, but that short talk amid the clatter and clutter of a print shop was one of the big turning points. Everything before that was prologue.

The present executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention was born July 14, 1911 at Lockhart, Tex., to Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Routh, then pastor of First Baptist Church, Lockhart. Soon the family moved to Dallas where Porter's father became associate editor, and later editor of The Baptist Standard, succeeding Dr. J. B. Gambrell.

Dr. Gambrell
The bearded Dr. Gambrell would place Porter on his knee and tell him dog stories. Dr. Wallace Bassett was Porter's pastor at Cliff Temple Church. Ramsey Pollard taught him in Sunday School. He would shag tennis balls for his father and "Hot Dog" Lee during their frequent games. M. A. Phillips and B. A. Copass were early influences on his life. His first brush with journalism was as a newspaper carrier for the Dallas Morning News and the old Dallas Journal.

Twice the family lived in El Paso and soaked up Spanish-American culture. There Porter became a Boy Scout and reached Eagle Scout rank.

Summer jobs during high school days at San Marcos Baptist Academy, San Marcos, Tex., and college years at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, were quite varied. Porter worked with threshing crews and ran disc plows in Central Texas, spent the summer as a soda jerk in Houston, worked for a year in an office of the Southern Pacific Railroad in Houston to earn money for college, sold Holland's magazines in Kentucky and Virginia, and

worked as a counselor and swimming instructor at a YMCA camp near Houston.

At Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) he was editor of the campus paper, The Bison. He did publicity and public relations for the school, served as debate coach, and instructed classes in American government and history. He served one year as president of the student body.

Following his graduation, Routh was asked to take over the management of the OBU printing plant and direct publicity for the school. During the year and a half in this work two events of lasting importance occurred. The conversation with Dr. Scarborough in the print shop turned his life toward vocational religious service, and he and Ruth were married.

In preparation for the work they hoped to do in Shanghai they enrolled in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. While there he edited The Tie, the seminary alumni publication, and did publicity for the school. He and a fellow student also established a publicity service-by-mail to pastors and other church workers, providing newspaper mats and publicity ideas for promoting church programs.

Mission Gates Close

During this year at the seminary the Sino-Japanese War broke out. This slammed shut the gates to missionary service in China. At the suggestion of John W. Raley, who had become president of OBU, Routh then spent a year in graduate work in journalism at the University of Missouri. Then he returned to Shawnee to teach journalism and advertising, and to direct once again the public relations work of Oklahoma Baptist University. During this time he covered the 1939 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City on special assignment for The Oklahoma City Times and The Daily Oklahoman.

In 1940 Andrew Potter, executive secretary for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, asked him to become an associate in the Oklahoma Sunday School and Training Union department. From that point on, denominational jobs came fast. In 1942 he became secretary of promotion and Brotherhood for Oklahoma Baptists.

The next year when his father left The Baptist Messenger to become editor of The Commission, Porter was called to succeed his father on the Oklahoma state paper. Two years later he was asked by Dr. T. L. Holcomb to become the secretary of the department of survey, statistics and information at the SBC Sunday School Board. Nashville has been his home now for twenty-one years.

In 1946 he was elected senior secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, a non-staff position which automatically made him a member of the SBC Executive Committee.

At 40
At the age of 40 he was named Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Committee, the central coordinating body for the denomination. The first layman in this top SBC post, he had only two predecessors in the office, Duke K. McCall and Austin Crouch.

The Executive Committee (currently made up of 58 members) makes recommendations to the Southern Baptist Convention concerning the programs, budgets, and areas of cooperation between Convention agencies, conducts the general work of public relations, arranges for the annual meeting of the Convention and acts for the Convention in areas not otherwise assigned. Routh has completed over 15 years heading up the Executive Committee staff

and serving as the body's principle adviser.

He and Ruth have five children. Charles, who recently completed his Navy tour as a Lieutenant (j.g.), is a student of international law at Washington State University. Betsy (Mrs. Larry Green), the wife of a medical student, is an instructor in special education for the handicapped at Central State College, Edmond, Okla. Dorothy is a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia. Susan is in school in Nashville and Lelia is a freshman at Oklahoma Baptist University.

In addition to his many Baptist responsibilities, he has continued his interest in Scouting and is a member of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is also a member of the Committee on Medicine and Religion of the American Medical Association; a member of the board of directors of Religion in American Life, Inc.; a director of the Church Executive Development Board; a Life Member of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society; and a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. He has traveled in 34 countries.

"Big Man"
Standing six feet three inches tall and weighing 225 pounds, Dr. Routh has the physical stamina necessary to sustain a denominational leader constantly on the go. He has a sense of humor, fixes



PORTER WROE ROUTH, a layman, is the chief administrative officer of the Southern Baptist Convention. For over fifteen years he has served as the executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.—(BP) Photo.

breakfast for his family, is a fair yard-man around the house, likes sports, is outgoing, and has one absolutely essential quality in denominational executives: he can sit patiently and cheerfully through endless hours of conferences and meetings for days without number.

In September, 1966, when a 15th anniversary ceremony

was sprung on him by members of the Executive Committee, many tributes were paid to him for his years of service to the cause of Christ.

One of them said, "Any way you measure Porter Routh he is a big man. He wears a size 46 coat, but it covers a heart that is 24,000 miles in circumference."

Old Missionaries Haven't Faded Away

By Carol Hunt

RIDGECREST, N. C.—June 17—The old man beamed. He was the center of attention. For the moment the applause was all for him, and he knew it. At 95, Dr. J. Franklin Ray was the oldest of the emeritus Southern Baptist missionaries being honored at the Foreign Mission Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Dr. Ray is the veteran of veterans among 66 old missionaries who took advantage of the Foreign Mission Board's offer of a trip to Ridgecrest the week of June 15-21. About 30 more expect to be the Board's guests in August at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly.

This is the first observance of Emeritus Missionary Year, to be held every five years hereafter. The purpose is both to honor the emeritus missionaries and to share with Southern Baptists the richness of their lives and experiences.



MRS. HENDON HARRIS of Clinton, former missionary to China for around forty years, has just completed her autobiography.

As old friends embraced in the spacious lobby of Ridgecrest's new Pritchett Hall (not the white frame Pritchett familiar to the retired missionaries from by-gone years), the atmosphere was charged with joy and nostalgia, a blend of family homecoming, old soldiers' reunion, and revival meeting.

The emeritus missionaries' special hour came on Saturday, when they were platform guests at the noonday service. Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board, took charge of the program.

Gathered there was a colorful set of senior individualists. For instance, Dr. Ray, who served in Japan for 38 years and retired in 1942. He traveled alone to Ridgecrest from Jackson, Tenn. Special friend of "preacher boys" at Baptists' Union University in Jackson, he rents apartments in his large home to married students.

Not far behind Dr. Ray in age is Dr. J. R. Saunders, formerly of China and now of Pacific Palisades, Calif. He will be 94 on July 18. His visit to Ridgecrest came midway in a seven-week trip to promote Pan Pacific Centers, an organization which he founded (at 77) to provide sponsors for Asian orphans, aid international students in the United States, and promote East-West understanding.

Mrs. Harris
Then there is Mrs. H. M. Harris, of Clinton, Miss. (born of missionary parents in Mexico, she served with her late husband in China). She got her driver's license two weeks before her 73rd birthday, recently completed her autobiography, and now, at nearly 78, is taking suggestions for a new project. ("There are worlds of things to do," she

says with a wave of her pink-nailed hand.)

Also, Miss Blanche Groves (China, Hawaii, and Hong Kong), a sprightly 78, who rode the bus to Ridgecrest from her home in Texas and who donned the bright red costume of a traditional Chinese bride for a lawn party Saturday afternoon. Rev. John A. Abernathy (age 71; China, the Philippines, and Korea), newly elected second vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. Robert L. Bausum (74; China and Taiwan), now at work on a simplified way to write Chinese; globe-trotting Miss Bertha Smith (78; China and Taiwan); and many others cast in the same vigorous mold.

The emeritus missionaries who came to Ridgecrest spent, collectively, 2,410 years in active service under the Foreign Mission Board. Rev. and Mrs. Maxey G. White served longest, 44 years in Brazil. (Now, says Mrs. White—"Dona Kate"—she lives "in exile.")

Nearly two-thirds of these retired missionaries originally worked in China, though after China fell to the Communists many went on to help make Christ known in Hawaii, the Philippines, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Korea, and Indonesia. Sixteen served in Brazil, five in Nigeria, others in Argentina, Romania, Paraguay, Japan, Portugal, and the Bahamas.

Four of them are MKs (missionary kids), including Mrs. W. C. Harrison, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Buck Bagby, pioneer missionaries to Brazil. Six children of men and women in the group are currently Southern Baptist missionaries.

As Dr. Cauthen reminded the Ridgecrest conferees, many of the guests of honor served amid crashing bombs, saw their possessions swept away in the storms of war, endured concentration camps, or laid to final rest in the soil of distant lands those whom they loved most on earth.

"How many of you have experienced house arrest?" he asked at one point. Many hands were up. "How many have lost all your 'stuff'?" More hands. "How many would do it again?" All hands raised.

In a brief testimony time, those who mentioned danger or privation at all did so only to assert that they had found God's grace sufficient.

Dr. D. F. Stamps remembered 1939, when refugees fleeing the Nazis crossed the Japanese-occupied Yangtze River, China, as the only time in his

THE TWO WARS OF VIETNAM

By James F. Humphries
Missionary Associate in Vietnam

Two wars are being waged in Vietnam today: a material war against the communist forces and a spiritual war against satanic forces of evil.

The first war is well known, reported on the front pages of every newspaper and discussed by every politician. The spiritual war is a quiet war waged behind the scenes to bring salvation and faith to both Americans and Vietnamese.

In the physical war, Americans can be proud of their well-rounded, disciplined armed forces fighting and gaining victories in the valleys and hills of Vietnam. But victories are also being won in the spiritual war—victories which take place deep down in the souls of men and women.

Many of our American servicemen are engaged in both wars, and a good example of a Christian warrior is Bill Phagan, a 20-year veteran in the armed forces.

Bill was active in his home church at Ocean City, Fla., before coming to Vietnam, and he helped many young boys become Christians through Sunday School teaching. Shortly after arrival in

Vietnam, Bill joined the English-language Trinity Baptist Church in Saigon and shifted his attention to a witness among his service buddies.

In time, his concern included Vietnamese friends as well as Americans, and he enlisted the help of Missionary Bob Davis, pastor of the Vietnamese Grace Baptist Church in Saigon. Together these two men have ministered to Vietnamese who work with Bill at an air base. Four of the young nationals have become Christians, and others hear the preaching of the gospel at Grace and Trinity Churches.

Lay missionary Bill Phagan is a busy man on Sunday. He brings Vietnamese friends to a 9:30 morning worship service at Grace Church, American friends to the 11:00 service at Trinity Church, and still others to a 5:00 p. m. service at the base chapel. And he still has time left for Training Union and evening worship at Trinity Church.

Because of Bill's particular job in Vietnam, he may never receive his country's Medal of Honor for service over and beyond the call of duty. But a higher award awaits Bill and those like him in Vietnam for their good and faithful witness as Christ's servants.



BILL PHAGAN, of the U.S. Air Force, points out Bible truths to Vietnamese friends in Saigon.

life he got to preach as much as he wanted to. Miss Neale Young, who barnstormed Nigeria promoting Woman's Missionary Union, had a tale of a night when hyenas were "howling or barking or whatever it is that hyenas do" outside her door-less shelter. Her prayer began, "Lord, you know I'm not out here on a pleasure trip."

The veterans strove earnestly to make the rapt listeners understand that a missionary's resources are mainly spiritual, that consecration is the key to sharing the keys of the kingdom.

And they are living proof of the abundant life Jesus promised. Dr. Saunders, stooped and fragile, requested the microphone and rose to affirm that the 66 years since he became a missionary have been "happy years, years I wouldn't change if I had them to live over again."

Dr. Cauthen commented, "You can see that Dr. Saunders is not living in the yesterdays but in the todays and tomorrows." The testimony of the emeritus missionaries, Dr. Cauthen said, is that "this life lived for God is all worthwhile."

In benediction, he prayed, "Bless them, down to the journey's end."

Evangelism Division To Aid Canada Crusade

ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism has accepted an invitation from Canadian Baptists to sponsor a simultaneous revival crusade in the New Brunswick area Oct. 29-Nov. 10.

Eual F. Lawson, associate in the evangelism division, said 20 U. S. preachers would be recruited to preach in the 20 Canadian Baptist churches participating in the campaign.

"Canadian Baptists in the Northeastern Province of New Brunswick have requested help because of the success of other crusades in Canada sponsored by the division of evangelism," Lawson said.

Travel To Holy Land Open Again

JERUSALEM, June 22—The United States Department has announced that American citizens can again freely visit Israel, thus lifting the ban imposed at the beginning of the hostilities.

The new situation, which visits all the religious holy sites in Israel will, undoubtedly, facilitate visits to the area. There is no need any more to cross borders, change currencies, agents, guides or make unnecessary trips to crossing points.

Israel is making special efforts to safeguard the holy sites of all the religions. During the fighting Israel forces and the city of Jerusalem were heavily shelled from Jordanian artillery positions located in various Churches. Foregoing the possibility to strike from the air or return the artillery fire, the Israelis chose, at the expense of heavy human losses, to capture the locations by hand to hand combat thus assuring that these sites are not damaged. As a result of this action, none of the sacred religious sites were damaged or destroyed in any way whatsoever.

REVIVAL RESULTS



Licks Rainey

Greens Creek (Lebanon): June 4-8; Rev. E. F. Hicks (Waynesboro, 1st) evangelist; W. C. Rainey, Jr., Greens Creek Music Director, singer; morning services 10:30 and evening 7:30; "Christ Is the Answer," central theme. Rev. Q. C. Barrett, pastor.

"Weep With Those That Weep"

By Indy Whitten, Missionary to Spain
One Sunday morning James and Chris Buie, Southern Baptist missionary language students, were at First Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain.

Before the service began, James noticed that the woman sitting beside him, a Cuban pastor's wife who had arrived the week before, was quietly crying.

Deeply touched, he whispered, "Chris, change places with me and see if you can help this lady."

A look of bewilderment and frustration passed over Chris's face, for she didn't begin to know how to comfort a person in Spanish. But she immediately went to the woman's side, put her arm around her, and began to cry with her.

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GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SCOUSE: 'FEED HIM IF 'E WANTS SCOFF'

LIVERPOOL, Eng. (RNS)—The Gospel is now published in a new "language" you are unlikely to find in any dictionary—"Scouse."

Scouse is the local term for the people of Liverpool and Merseyside, the home of the Beatles, British pop group, and Scouse is their dialect.

Since so many working class people in the district speak Scouse, the Rev. Richard Williams, Anglican vicar of St. Athanasius, has written a book which translates the Gospels into that "language."

In a typical passage Jesus is quoted as saying: "Forgive yer enemies. Yer'll punish more dat way den if yer clocked 'em. So feed him if 'e wants scoff; give him a bevvie if he's thirty."

Translated, this means: "Forgive your enemies. You will punish more that way than if you struck them. So feed him if he needs food; give him drink if he is thirsty."

Thailand Baptists Rally Viewers

In Buddhist Thailand a Baptist television program is building bridges to Christian congregations.

"Since many people in Thailand feel strange about going to a Christian church without a personal introduction," explains Dr. Ronald C. Hill, Southern Baptist missionary, "it was felt that some middle step was needed to get those who watch the weekly Baptist TV series, 'The Answer,' in contact with Christians."

The solution was found in a televangelism rally in the new four-story Baptist Student Center in Bangkok. More than 400 persons assembled in the spacious chapel one Saturday night in April to receive a formal introduction to Baptist life and work in the metropolitan area.

The rally grew out of unusual response to a 1966 holiday gift offer of a book on the meaning of Christmas. By the end of February, 2,660 persons had requested the book and 919 of them had enrolled in a Bible correspondence course.

At the rally a Thai naval officer testified that he had found Christ through radio evangelism; a choir, accompanied by traditional Thai instruments, sang Christian songs composed by a member of Bangkok Baptist Church; and Joan Eubanks, a Disciples of Christ missionary and former Broadway actress, sang Thai hymns. The program climaxed with a short message by Pastor Direk Arayakosol.

Thai pastors and missionaries served at counseling tables, and 240 persons signed cards indicating interest in the Christian faith.

Churches in the area reported numerous visitors in their services the day after the rally. The naval officer who gave his testimony presented himself for baptism at Thonburi Baptist Chapel.

"The Answer" is shown during prime time at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday over HSA-TV, one of two television stations in Bangkok and five in the nation, reports Dr. Hill. It is also programmed on the Khon Kaen station in northeastern Thailand, where it has reception in Laos, and on the Haadyai station in the south, where viewers in Malaysia can see it.

Thailand has an estimated 300,000 TV sets, and research indicates about 15 viewers to each.

Baptists in Thailand also have a daily 30-minute radio program, broadcast to most of the country from a powerful station. Appealing to a wide audience, it features drama, music, interviews, panel discussions, children's stories, and preaching.

RODERICK REID DIES

Roderick A. Reid, 31, son of Rev. and Mrs. Orvil W. Reid, Southern Baptist missionaries to Mexico, drowned June 19 at Gold Beach, Ore.

He was a resident of Diamond, Mo., where he was a schoolteacher and coach.

Funeral services were to be held at First Baptist Church, Jay, Okla., with burial in Jay, where he lived during boyhood.

In addition to his parents, his survivors include his wife, the former Mary Lou Fields; two daughters, Debbie Lynn, eight, and Robin Michelle, three; and an aunt, Mrs. Ralph Nelson, of Jay.

(The Orvil Reids may be addressed at Apartado 1436, Guadalupe, Jalisco, Mexico.)

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BENJAMIN WADDLE
CAREY NAMES
P. E. HEAD

William Carey College has announced the coming of Benjamin Waddle to head the Department of Physical Education beginning in September. Waddle will be awarded the doctorate degree in the field of physical education from Florida State University in Tallahassee in the very near future.

With a bachelor of science degree from East Tennessee State University in 1949, Waddle went on to earn the master of arts degree from Peabody College in 1950. He also has studied at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

He has taught in Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia. He is a member of NEA, AAHPER, and has served as president of the Hamble County Assn. for the years 1955-56.

Dr. Waddle is married and has two children.

National Council Names Southern Baptist To Staff

NEW YORK (BP)—The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. has named a Southern Baptist from Oklahoma to its professional staff.

Harold Martin, former minister of education for the First Baptist Church of Blytheville, Ark., is believed to be the first Southern Baptist ever named to the professional staff on the National Council of Churches on a full-time basis.

Martin has already assumed the position here as promotion assistant for the National Council's Radio, Visual, Education, and Mass Communications Committee (RAVEMCCO).

Martin will be in charge of production of promotional materials for RAVEMCCO, which coordinates use of media in its name for the

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1,212 Find Christ In Taiwan Crusade

Evangelists from four other Asian countries joined Baptist pastors in Taiwan for a recent evangelistic crusade that resulted in 1,212 professions of faith in Christ, according to Missionary Harlan E. Spurgeon, coordinating director.

The crusade opened on Saturday evening, with rallies in Taipei (the capital), where more than 2,000 people crowded into the municipal auditorium, and eight other key cities. Meeting halls were filled to capacity, and hundreds were turned away from lack of space.

Then, from Sunday through Wednesday evening, special evangelistic services were held in nearly 80 churches and chapels of the Taiwan Baptist Convention.

Some members of Ching Mei Church, near Taipei, hired taxis to bring friends and relatives to hear the gospel, and a night-school student cut his last class in order to set up an appointment between a non-Christian friend and the evangelist. His friend and 55 other persons made professions of faith at Ching Mei.

First Church, Taichung, reported 100 professions.

The guest evangelists for the crusade were Princeton Hsu, Chang You Gwang, Hwang R. Chyang, and Missionary Britt E. Towery, Jr., from Hong Kong; Noboru Arase, Uchihiro Tateishi, and Sueo Kitahara, from Japan; Lin Nan Tyan, from Korea; and Missionary Minor Davidson, from Singapore.

Names In The News

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney C. Reber, missionary associates who supervised a dormitory for MKs (missionary kids) in Singapore, plan to arrive in the States June 30 for furlough. They may be addressed at 6605 Vada Drive, Dallas, Tex., 75214. He was born and reared in Jackson, Miss.; she, the former Alwilda Montgomery, was born in Fairview, Mo., and lived in Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Mississippi while growing up. When they were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1962 he was regional training officer in Dallas for the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

and Mrs. Howell are active members in the First Baptist Church, Starkville.

Miss Antonina Canzoneri, missionary nurse in Nigeria, has arrived in the States for furlough. She may be addressed at 5939 Clinton Blvd., Jackson 9, Miss. Daughter of a Baptist minister, she was born in Fort Worth, Tex., and grew up in Jackson. She was appointed a missionary in 1947.

Rev. and Mrs. Hal B. Lee, missionaries to France, left Paris June 10 en route to the States for furlough. They may be addressed, c/o Dr. L. E. Green, P. O. Box 297, Prentiss, Miss. 39474. Hal Lee was born in Ruston, La., and lived in several states while growing up; Mrs. Lee, the former Lou Ann Green, daughter of a Baptist minister, was born in Independence, La., and lived in Prentiss, Poplarville, and Pascagoula, Miss., while growing up.

Miss Rennie Sanderson, missionary, is returning to Japan, following furlough in the States. She may be addressed at Sanno Palace Apartment, 7-2-chome, Sanno, Otaku, Tokyo, Japan. Daughter of a Baptist minister, she was born in Seminary, Miss., and lived in a number of Mississippi and Louisiana towns while growing up. She was appointed a missionary in 1960.

Janet Davis, Jim C. Dillard, Eleanor Harper, Nancy Lyons, Janice Robinson, and Sue Thresher, missionary journeymen, have completed their two-year assignments in Nigeria, and were scheduled to arrive in the States on July 10. Janice, who taught in Baptist Women's College, Abbeokuta, may be addressed, Rte. 3, Box 5, Ellisville, Miss. A native of Ellisville, she is a 1965 graduate of Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus.

David B. Howell, native of Aberdeen, Miss., head of the Catalog Department, Mississippi State University since 1964, has been named librarian—designate at the W. B. Roberts Memorial Library, Delta State College, effective August 1, 1967. Prior to his work at Mississippi State University, he was, successively, Cataloger at Louisiana College, 1959-60 and Director of Libraries there 1960-64. Mr.

Overseas Ministries Division of the National Council.

The Oklahoma native told Baptist Press he wants to continue his Southern Baptist identity, and expressed hope that no Southern Baptist will conceive of his joining the National Council staff as a rejection of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention is not a member denomination of the National Council of Churches.

Martin, 28, said he hopes to establish dialogue with the other National Council members, and perhaps make a small contribution towards breaking down some stereotyped images of Southern Baptists.

He also expressed hope that Southern Baptists, in turn, can break through some of the stereotyped images and prejudices they have towards the National Council of Churches.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Hoffield, missionaries to Italy, expect to come to the States in August for furlough. Their address will be Rte. 4, Box 204, Hattiesburg, Miss., 39401. Both are natives of Mississippi, he of Jones County and she, the former Flora Cole, of Lamar County. At the time of their missionary appointment in 1962 he was pastor of Indian Springs Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry L. Raley, furloughing missionaries, planned to leave for Taiwan on June 27. They may be addressed at Box 427, Taipei, Taiwan. He is a native of Kershaw County, South Carolina; she, the former Frances Bibb, was born in Moorhead, Miss., and lived on farms near Drew, Miss., while growing up.

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The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON— Defending The Gospel Of Grace

By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 15

Acts 15 is one of the most important chapters in the Bible. It was a report of a conference of Christian leaders in Jerusalem considering the issue of Gentile freedom. The question was: Was it necessary for the Gentiles to submit to the rite of circumcision in order to become Christians? The issue, first raised in Antioch, was referred to the leaders in Jerusalem for discussion. Paul—with Barnabas fully supported him—defended the gospel of grace and stood his ground as the champion of Gentile liberty.

The Lesson Explained CRISIS IN ANTIOCH (vv. 1-2)

Paul and Barnabas, having returned to Antioch, told of how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Immediately they were confronted by a Jewish party among the Christians contending that Gentile converts must observe the rites of Judaism. Paul and Barnabas resisted the efforts to force Jewish legalism on Gentile believers, which really meant substituting religious works for divine grace, really denying the sufficiency of faith as a means of salvation. It was decided that Paul and Barnabas and some other persons would go to Jerusalem to talk the matter over with the apostles and elders there. This was a wise decision.

DISCUSSION IN JERUSALEM (vv. 3-11)

When the delegation reached Jerusalem, the whole church met to hear the glowing report of the missionaries. Certain Jewish Christians, who had belonged to the sect of the Pharisees, rose up in the open meeting and insisted that the Gentiles ought to be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses. It seems clear from verse 6 that the church meeting was adjourned, and that the apostles and elders met in a private conference to think through the problem and come to an agreement. From Paul's own report in Galatians 2:2-10, we learn that the contention was severe. Paul finally won unanimous approval for his point. When the church reassembled, there was "much disputing"—free opportunity was given for discussion. Then Peter made an address. He showed that God had made no distinction between Jewish and Gentile believers, giving the Holy Spirit to all alike and purifying the hearts of all alike by faith.

LIBERTY FOR GENTILES (vv. 12-29)

It is necessary to consider the outcome of the conference, as set forth in these verses. Paul and Barnabas were the next ones of the leaders to speak. Rapt attention was given to them as they declared "what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them." Then James, a half brother of Jesus and now a recognized leader in the Jerusalem church, concluded the discussion with persuasive argument and a suggestion as to a course of action. He proposed that they not trouble the Gentile Christians by any suggestion about the rites of Judaism, but instead sent a

letter to them to exhort them to abstain from grossly sinful practices and from other things especially objectionable to Jewish feeling. James's suggestion received the support of the whole church. It was agreed that Judas and Silas, leaders in the Jerusalem church, should accompany Paul and Barnabas and transmit the letter to the Gentile churches.

Truths to Live By

Salvation is by faith, not by works.—Jesus Christ is the one and only Saviour. He was the mediator of God's grace to a lost world. Salvation is, therefore, offered to people everywhere as a free gift of God. Therefore, a person is justified by faith, not by works. This old, old truth—the very heart of the Christian gospel—warns us against trusting in rites and ceremonies for the forgiveness of sins and acceptance before God. Salvation is conditioned upon faith and faith alone. This faith, of course, is accompanied by the godly repentance and the commitment that results in obedience.

The truth of the gospel calls for steadfast and determined defense.—Christians have an obligation to learn the deeper meanings of the gospel and to be able to test their beliefs by the teachings of the New Testament. Then, with humility, but with intelligence and conviction, they must dare to contend for the truth.

We are in debt to the stalwart defenders of the truth of the gospel.—What a debt we owe to the apostle Paul! At times he had to stand alone, and his enemies were like wild beasts in the ferocity of their hostility and the cruelty of their persecution. But he never failed to stand up for the truth in Christ.

15 Are Baptized Before Libya Evacuation

On Sunday afternoon, May 28, eight days before the Middle East plunged into war, Rev. Harold L. Blankenship, Southern Baptist missionary associate who pastors the English-language First Baptist Church in Tripoli, Libya, baptized 15 new Christians in the Mediterranean Sea.

The converts included three young U. S. airmen from Wheelus Air Base and a nurse from Taiwan who works in an Arab hospital. Two days later the nurse and a doctor from Taiwan were married in First Church. The groom moved his church membership from Grace Baptist, Taipei, Taiwan.

Evacuated from Libya with other Americans, Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship and their three children (including a newborn son) have come to the States for a brief furlough. They hope to return to Libya late this summer.

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LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM— Harmony Among Church Members

By Bill Duncan

I Corinthians 1:4-17; 3:1-9
The book of I Corinthians was written because there was no harmony among the members. Paul deals with many of the problems that caused the broken harmony among the members. If there ever is a book that can help us in our relationships within the church, this book can. Harmony is more than the absence of hate, but also the presence of peace and labor in witness.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Paul was always praising and thanking the churches for what they had done. But the apostle could not write praise to this church. There was too much that was wrong. They had failed to measure up to their capabilities. But Paul could praise and thank God for what God in Christ had done for them and encourage them to do better in the future.

The thanksgiving was to God for the gracious gifts which he had given the Corinthian church. Paul said they had been given the grace of God. This gift was freely given without any merit. This gift comes first in salvation and then special gifts of ability. All that Christ had pledged had come true for them. They were given speech and knowledge and these were given as a trust to be used in His service.

Paul was thankful also for the promises of the ultimate end. He assures them that the God who has been helpful will also seek a reckoning with them for misusing the gifts of God. It is Paul's belief that in that day one does not have to be afraid and that none will be able to impeach the believers.

The theme of the book of I Corinthians is seen in verse 9 where we see God qualified by faithfulness. The fidelity of God is their ground of hope both in redemption and their Christian witness. The key word "fellowship" is what they do not have. This means to have all things in common. "Fellowship" declares we are in a partnership with Christ and another in mutual interest, devotion and activity.

Problem of Divisions
The church at Corinth had problems that had caused the church to be divided. This had been reported to him at Ephesus by someone from the household of Chloe. They had told Paul that there were definite divisions which were in danger of becoming severe. His appeal to the members was because they were supposed to be brothers. Therefore, he wants them to stop "those party cries." He summons them to get together, to reconcile their differences and become united in thought, attitude and present a united front to the world. The phrase "re-acted together" is a medical term used of knitting together bones that have been fractured.

The division in the church was caused by various problems of the church: preacher

trouble (1:12-4:21); immorality (5:1-13); legal resort (6:1-11); marriage (7:1-40); meats offered to idols (8:10); abuses in worship (11:1-34); spiritual gifts (13:1-14); and the resurrection (15).

In the first problem they were exalting their preachers rather than the Lord. They had mistaken loyalties to various preachers and had formed groups and named them after their favorite messengers. Some chose Paul, the founder of the church and a champion of individual freedom from the law. Some were swayed by the eloquence of Apollos, the gifted Alexandrian preacher. Some, perhaps Jewish Christians, favored Peter who felt more inclined to retain some phases of Judaism. Some would have no part to do with these groupings and piously said, "We chose Christ and are his true followers."

Tactfully omitting the others, Paul compares himself with Christ. He answered them threefold: (1) "Is Christ divided?" Has Christ whom you all claim been separated into parts as you have divided yourselves? (2) Was Paul crucified for you? The use of the negative participle invited an emphatic no. (3) Were you baptized in the name of Paul? According to Morgan, this is the baptism of the Spirit. They were baptized into the name by which they received the gift of life, Holy Spirit and their Christian experience began.

Plea for Understanding
Paul could not speak to them as spiritual, meaning those who could understand spiritual truths. For, they were still carnal, that is governed by human nature. This is a rebuke for those who remain carnal. Those had continued to let the lower side of their nature dominate their thinking and actions. Their carnality is seen in jealousy and wranglings over ministers.

What is Paul or Apollos? In the Greek, we see the emphasis on their office and take out the personal element. They were instruments by which they believed in Christ. Each had a part in their spiritual experience. One planted and another watered. But the people need to know it was God who started the growth process and He who continues the action. The ministers are really nothing, but God is everything. The Corinthians are wrangling over them who are meaningless. God will reward each according to his labor. God is the Master Farmer and Master Architect. Paul and Apollos are merely planters, waterers, and builders.

We have always to remember that God may use human instruments to bring men the message of truth and love. It is He alone who wakes the hearts of men and causes the new life.

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MEMPHIS NURSES CAPPED

Forty-nine young women wear new caps today at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. The new headress symbolizes the completion of their first school year in nursing training.

The student nurses were presented their caps in the annual capping ceremony Sunday in the Hospital Chapel. To the students and others familiar to the hospital scene, the caps indicate that the young women have completed the fundamental portion of their training, including nine months of study at Memphis State University. Their training now becomes more closely allied to the hospital nursing program and specialty areas.

Speaker for the capping ceremony was Drexel Toland, an assistant administrator at BMH. Mrs. Virginia Goss, associate director of Nursing

Education, presented the class and Mrs. Nina Basham, director of Nursing, did the capping. Mississippians receiving their caps were:

Miss Janice Bell, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Bell of Pontotoc, Miss.

Miss Mary Sue Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bennett of Corinth, Miss.; Miss Sara Byers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Byers of Batesville, Miss.

Miss Annette Marlar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Audie B. Marlar of Iuka, Miss.; Miss Pam McMinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivra L. McMinn of Pope, Miss.

Miss Maggie Pyles, daughter of Mrs. V. S. Brewer and the late Oscar Pyles of Pontotoc, Miss.

Miss Carole Jean Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Curry, Jr., of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dr. McCrory To Be Chairman Of Carey's English Department

Dr. J. V. McCrory has returned to William Carey College as the chairman of the department of English. This announcement has been made by President J. Ralph Noon-

kester who said that Dr. McCrory has now completed all requirements for the doctor of philosophy degree in English from the University of Tennessee. He had been granted a year's leave of absence in order to finish his dissertation which is entitled, "A Study of Robert Browning's Representative Personal Satires."

During the past year Dr. and Mrs. McCrory have lived in Jefferson City, Tennessee

where Dr. McCrory taught English and Mrs. McCrory was secretary to the Dean at Carson-Newman College.

Having earned his bachelor of arts degree in English from Millsaps College in Jackson, McCrory went to Peabody College in Nashville to complete the master of arts degree, also in English. During the past ten years he has taught school in two high schools, Cleveland and Belzoni. He has also taught at Holmes Junior College, Carson-Newman College, William Carey College, and for three years he taught on a fellowship grant at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

STATE BAPTIST PAPERS HAVE CIRCULATION 1.5 MILLION

NASHVILLE (RNS)—Combined circulation of 29 Baptist state papers has topped the 1.5 million mark.

Commendation for the papers came from Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Baptist State Papers.

"In a body so large and widespread as ours," he said, "a cooperative endeavor would be virtually impossible without the unifying influence of the state papers which typify a unity in diversity."

The papers' circulation is now 1,562,568, an increase of 47,600 in seven years.

Southern Baptist Church Now At Estes Park, Colo.

There will be a Southern Baptist Church for tourists to attend this summer while visiting the Rocky Mountain National Park and the Estes Park area.

Denver Baptist Association purchased a three story building in downtown Estes Park at a cost of \$55,000

Randy Foster, a Mississippian and graduate of Southern Seminary, will be conducting Sunday services at 8:30 a. m. and 10:30 a. m.

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NASHVILLE—CHURCH RECREATION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES are set for Aug. 10-16 at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly and Aug. 24-30 at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly. Boyd (top left), secretary of the Sunday School Board's church recreation department, will direct the weeks and will be in charge of the adult section. Mrs. Paula Brooks (top right), pastor's wife from Ft. Worth, Tex., will lead conferences in play production and in creative dramatics at Glorieta. Special emphasis at both weeks will be the presentation of a new folk musical "Good News!" by members of the youth section. This will be directed by Cecil McGee (middle left) and Bob Oldenburg (middle right), both on the church recreation department staff. Music for the youth section at Glorieta will be led by Billy Ray Hearn (lower right), minister of music in Thomasville, Ga. Special conferences will be offered in drama and crafts in the education program of a church. — BSSB Photo

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IN MADRID Mission Leaves Beauty Behind

The Villaverde mission of First Baptist Church, Madrid, Spain, soon will forsake its meeting quarters amid hair dryers and other machinery of a beauty shop. The mission will begin meeting in a moderate-size storefront building bought with a donation by a family belonging to First Baptist Church.

The new location, about a block away, enables Villaverde mission to plan a full weekly program, perhaps even with a full-time pastor. It is the only evangelical congregation in a new housing area of 150,000 people.

Late Wednesday afternoon customers at the beauty shop have been hurried up, as the store, whose proprietor is a Baptist, needs time to move the beauty machinery to one side and put folding chairs in its place, and set up a makeshift pulpit for the weekly prayer meeting.

Shortly before 8 o'clock in the evening, every available space in the beauty shop meeting room has been occupied by worshippers, young and old. — BSSB

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Life Contrasted

(Luke 16:19-31)

By Durell Makamson, Pastor, First, Durant

In this parable there are two scenes of life contrasted. The first upon earth, and the other life beyond death. The two scenes depict human suffering in the midst of plenty. Jesus is our authority for the contrast of life. God's relationship to man is either love or wrath.



LIFE CONTRASTED ON EARTH

This present world is a place of plenty and a place of poverty. "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day; And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table; moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores." Life here has always been made up of people who are rich and poor. Jesus said, "The poor ye have with you always" Mark 14:7. This contrast of life is here to stay, because of the propagation of life. Some people have every opportunity, every privilege at the moment of birth. The rich man could not help being born into a wealthy family. Lazarus could not help being born in a home that was poor. There is no charge lodged against the poor or the rich at this point. The gifts to excel in learning, in the political world, in the professional world are of God. Life with such natural abilities or inabilities cannot be changed by the rulers of this world. But there is individual responsibility between the rich and poor.

A certain man named Lazarus was laid at his gate. A man who was miserable, full of sores, one so reduced that the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table were his diet. The rich man was probably generous in giving to the community chest. He probably gave an offering to Missions. But here was a person close to him. He could have fed him, secured a doctor and treated his sores. The rich man failed in that Lazarus was his neighbor. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor" involves personal interest and communication. This may be the reason why it is easier to get Christians to give to Foreign Missions than to visit the lost on the street where they live.

LIFE CONTRASTED IN THE AGE BEYOND

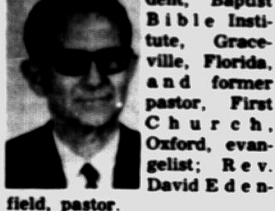
Jesus pictures the wicked rich man and the Godly poor man in life beyond death. The rich man was eternal regrets, while the poor man has his glorious reward. One second in death the rich man was poor indeed. His money, his ability to enjoy a banquet everyday were gone. The rich man lived and he said, "I am tormented in these flames." He was aware of his neighbors' blessings. "Father, send Lazarus, and let the water drip from his finger on my tongue." The rich and the poor need each other. They must learn to depend more upon each other. In war, in business, in industry, and in the spread of the Gospel to every creature. The tragedy of every age is that it is always too late when the discovery is made. God is waiting to bless the poor of this world through those rich in His grace. Could it be that most Christians have not seen this need, and are trying to shield themselves from Lazarus?

What reason have atheists for saying that we cannot rise again? Which is the more difficult—to be born, or rise again? That what has never been, should be, or that what has been, should be again? Is it more difficult to come into being than to return to it?—Blaise Pascal

REVIVAL DATES

Sand Hill Church, Rt. 4,

Richton: July 23 - 28: Dr. James E. Southerland, (pictured), president, Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, and former pastor, First Church, Oxford, evangelist; Rev. David Edenfield, pastor.



Pocahontas Church: (Hinds at Kickapoo Rd. Highway 49 N.): July 16-21: Rev. Charles Simpson, Pastor Bay View Heights, Mobile, Alabama, evangelist; Rev. Wayne Robinson will direct the music. Sunday evening services at 7:30, and Monday through Friday at 8:00 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Rev. Cliff Malone is Pastor.

Center Ridge (Kemper): July 16 - 21: Rev. Perrin Cook, Handsboro, evangelist; Tony Bates, song director; Mrs. Tony Bates, organist; Rev. F. H. Miller, pastor; services at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.; lunch served at church after Sunday morning services.

Oak Grove (Mississippi Association): July 16 - 23: Rev. T. D. Sumrall, East McComb, evangelist; Betty Sue Morgan, East Fork, music director; Mrs. Buford Laemon, pianist; Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., with dinner at noon; weekday services 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. J. C. Burt, pastor.

Leakesville, First: July 16-18: Rev. Jackie Hamilton, First Church, Quitman, evangelist; Richard Kennedy, First Church, Leakesville, singer; Rev. Charles Dampier, pastor; services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Good Hope (Newton County): July 9-14: Rev. H. L. Davis, Hickory, evangelist; Rev. C. E. Simpson, pastor; services at 10:45 and 7:45 p. m.

Grandview (Meridian): July 16 - 22: Rev. Albert Haskell McMullen of Nesbota Church, evangelist; Rev. John W. Campbell is pastor.

Bethlehem, (Simpson) Pinola: July 16-23: Rev. Keith Hart of Highland Church, Jackson, evangelist; evening services at 7:30. Rev. Marcus Finch is pastor.

Mayersville Church: July 16-21: Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. P. D. Eott, pastor; services at 9 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Gum Springs Church, Braxton: July 16 - 21: Rev. Don R. Womack (pictured) evangelist; Sunday worship services morning and afternoon with dinner on the ground; weekday services at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Fred G. Womack is pastor.

Salem Church (Walthall): July 9 - 14: Rev. Shalley Vaughn, pastor of Sunshine Church, Rankin County, evangelist; Thomas White, music director of East McComb, singer; Rev. A. G. Gray, pastor; weekday services at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Bethany Church, (Jefferson Davis) Prentiss: July 16-21: Rev. W. H. Merritt, pastor of Raleigh Church, evangelist; Gary Harvey, music director; Marilyn Miller, pianist; and Diane Anthony, organist. Services each day at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; lunch will be served at the church on the 16th. Rev. L. C. Anthony is pastor.

Oak Grove Church near Lena: July 16-21: Rev. Houston Atkins, pastor of Sylvan Church near Raleigh, evangelist; Rev. J. C. Simpson, pastor; services at 10:45 and 7:45 p. m.

Enon Church, (Clay): July 16-21: Rev. Jimmy Hipp of First Church, West Point, evangelist; Rev. G. W. Pitts, pastor.

Poplar Springs (Copolah): July 16-21: R. D. Snyder, pastor of Harmony Church, Crystal Springs, evangelist; Frank Walker, song leader; Guy Little, pastor. Regular services on Sunday, and 8 p. m. during the week.

First, Isola, (Humphreys Association), July 9-14, 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Evangelist: Rev. Frank Gunn, Pastor, Forest, Miss., Baptist Church. Song Leader: Harvey Carr, Music student at Clarke Jr. College. Music School instructions offered during day under a program suggested by State Music Department. Rev. Bob Maddux, Pastor.

Corinth, (Jasper County) will hold Revival July 16-21. Services Morning 11 a. m. Evening 8 p. m. Rev. Nat Mayhall, Port Gibson, Evangelist. Rev. Paul McDonald, the Pastor, will lead the Singing; Miss Debra Risher, organist, Beverly Thornton, pianist.

Walnut Grove (Leake): July 23-28: Rev. Percy Cooper, Trinity Church, Carthage, Miss., Evangelist. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Week-day services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The music will be under the leadership of Rev. Joe Hudson, pastor.

Rock Branch Church, Union: July 9-14: Rev. Zeno M. Wells (pictured), pastor of Brookwood Church, Prichard, Alabama, evangelist; Rev. Fred Toomey, pastor; night services only, 7:30 p. m.

Liberty (Carroll): July 16-21: Rev. Wilton Bennett, Silas, Alabama, evangelist; Clever Blair, song leader; services at 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m.

New Home (Scott): July 16-21: Rev. Shalley Vaughn, Sunshine Church, Rankin County, evangelist; services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. (Sunday, July 16, is Homecoming Day, with dinner at the church, and morning and afternoon services. The public is invited.)

Lucien (Franklin): July 9-14: Rev. Elton Barlow, pastor, Harpersville Church, evangelist; Rev. Julius B. Gonias, pastor; weekday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sylvarena (Copolah): July 16 - 21: Rev. John A. Wade, pastor, Vaiden, evangelist; Tommy Fortenberry, minister of music at Saffilo, singer; Sunday services at 11, with dinner on the grounds and services at 2 p. m. and 8 p. m.; weekday services 10:30 and 7:30; Rev. J. D. Walker, pastor.

Macedonia (Lincoln): July 16-22: Rev. Billy Pierce, Pearson Church, Jackson, evangelist; Benny McBride, singer; services 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Carson Ridge (Attala): July 16-21: Rev. Lester Gardner, evangelist.

Harland's Creek (Holmes): July 17-23: Rev. Howard Benton, Eastside, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. Robert E. Self, pastor and song leader; Mrs. J. A. Hearn, organist; homecoming on Sunday, with dinner on the grounds.

Pleasant Ridge (Scott): July 16-21: 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m.; Rev. Murphy Brantly, pastor of Nely Church, evangelist; Rev. E. Carter Tucker, pastor and song leader.

Antioch (Jasper): July 16-21: Rev. James Fugh, Montrose Church, evangelist; Charlie Phillips, the church's music director, singer; Rev. W. O. Fugh, pastor; Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., with lunch on the grounds. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

1st, Brooksville Centennial Looms

"First Church, Brooksville will observe the Centennial Anniversary of its founding on Sunday, July 16. Rev. Tom Douglas, manager of Gulfshore Assembly, and a former pastor at Brooksville, will speak at the 11 o'clock service. Dinner on the grounds (or in the air-conditioned educational building, according to preference) will follow. A 2 o'clock service in the afternoon will replace regular evening services. Special features are being planned. Especially to be recognized are former pastors and those who have gone from the church into church-related vocations. All friends and former members are invited.

The history of the church has been compiled by Miss Lora McMorries, from limited information available, and it will be off the press by that date.

Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, will be the preacher for a week's revival effort following the Centennial Homecoming. Dr. Vaught lived in Brooksville as a boy and was baptized in the Baptist church there. The call to the ministry was also felt during this time. His wife, formerly Mary Frances Bostick, is the daughter of a former Brooksville pastor, and she was born in the present pastorium. She will accompany Dr. Vaught to Brooksville.

Gerald Neely, minister of music at First Church of West Point, will be in charge of music for the week. Following the evening services, Dr. Vaught will show films of his world and Holy Land tours.

The Church Council has acted as the Steering Committee for Centennial plans, with other committees serving as needed. The original sanctuary, which has twice been remodeled, was recently redecorated. The church erected a new educational building in late 1964 at a cost of \$62,000.

Pastor of the Brooksville

church is A. Wayne Barrett. A hymn for which Mrs. Barrett wrote the text, "Increase in Knowledge of Thy God" is appearing in the August issue of the Church Musician. The hymn text won the second award in the 1967 Southern Baptist Hymn Writing Competition.

13 From State On Staff At Glorieta, N. M.

GLORIETA—Thirteen Mississippi Baptists are serving on the summer staff of Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly during the first six-week session June 8 through July 19.

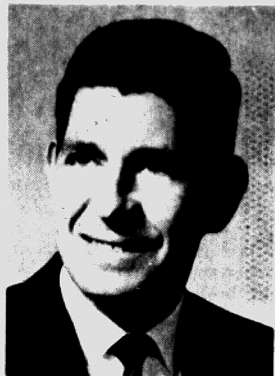
An assembly staff of 428 adults, high school and college students from 25 states provide office personnel, dormitory maintenance and operational services for Glorieta.

Mississippi staffers include David Gooch, Columbus; Joe Newton, Senatobia; Jane Brewer, Union; Margaret Caperton, Greenwood; Sandra Godfrey, Pontotoc; Rita Leach, Union; Barbara Ann Russell, Meadville; and Tommy Leach, Union.

Others are Leslie Thomas Scallorn, Batesville; Mrs. M. C. Waldrup, Blue Mountain; Mary Ellen Dorman, Quitman; Charlotte Geiger, Grenada; and Carolyn Huddleston, Booneville.

Southern Baptists throughout the United States will attend the seventeen church leadership conferences conducted June 8 through Sept. 4. A guest registration of 25,500 has been set for the assembly during its three-month operation. Paid registrations for the 1968 season totaled 24,704.

For reservations write: Mark Short Jr., manager, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N.M.



REV. BILLY MCKAY, pastor of Madison Church, Madison, was recently selected to be among 28 participants in the Foundation For Economic Education's summer seminar in New York, June 18-24. He was awarded a Foundation fellowship for this purpose. The study included the efforts of the proposed welfare state, on religious freedom, church-state separation, and individual responsibility in the free-market enterprise. Mr. McKay was graduated from Kosciusko High School, Mississippi College, and Southwestern Seminary.

Hymn Writing Contest To Open In November

NASHVILLE (BP) — The church music department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will begin accepting entries in the fifth biennial Southern Baptist Hymn Writing Competition Nov. 1.

Entries from members of Southern Baptist churches should reach the board between the opening date and April 1, 1968, to be eligible for first and second place cash prizes.

A first prize of \$200 and a second place award of \$100 are to be given.

The expected 300-500 entries will be judged after the contest closes, and the winners will be notified by mail.

The hymns should relate to the ministry function of the church.

Contest information is available from: 1968 Hymn Writing Competition, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.



The Day Family

CALVARY HAS SPECIAL DAY FOR NEW MISSIONARIES

Jimmy and Charlotte Watts Day was held at Pascagoula's Calvary Baptist Church on July 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts were appointed recently by the Foreign Mission Board for service in Italy. They grew up in Pascagoula, both graduating from Pascagoula High School. They were both active in Calvary Church.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College, Southern Seminary, and has taken additional work at New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Watts is a graduate of Mississippi College also. She taught in Indiana while her husband attended school in Louisville, Ky.

Churches he has worked with include Natchez, Laurel, and Crystal Springs in Mississippi plus Louisville, Kentucky, Tallulah, Monroe, and Buras, Louisiana.

Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lowe and Mrs. Herman L. Watts who live in Pascagoula and are members of Calvary also.

The Watts family, including Tim, 7, Dan, 5, and Amy, 4, are leaving Pascagoula on July 13, going to New York where they will sail on July 17 aboard the S. S. Independence for Italy. They will arrive in Italy on July 28. The first year will be spent in the

city of Perugia, studying the Italian language at the university there. Then their permanent home will be in Rome where Mr. Watts will serve as Secretary of Church Music for the Italian Baptist Union.

His work will consist primarily in helping to develop and improve the music in the Baptist churches. He will also assist in evangelistic campaigns and work with the producers of the Italian Baptist radio broadcasts. The Watts are the first couple appointed by Southern Baptists, or, as far as can be determined, by any American Mission Board for music work in Europe.

Rev. Byron E. Mathis is pastor of Calvary.

West Corinth Pastor Resigns

Phillips Heard has resigned as pastor of the West Corinth Church, Corinth, to become the assistant to the pastor at the Northside Church in Chattanooga, Tenn. He assumed his new duties on June 18.

He is a native of Columbus, Miss., and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Heard of Meridian.